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1. The state of the laboratories and the statements of assistants and official records all confirm the fact that virtually no experimental work has been undertaken in this institute in the last few years. This does not mean that Professor Kurt Poppe himself might not have undertaken desk work and acted as advisor to other institutes. He is reported to have reiterated that he had attempted to avoid close contact with Russians, because of the danger of becoming too involved. In his own words, he leaves such activities to people like Knoell in Jena. 50X1-HUM
2. tests have been made with antibiotics. The material apparently was supplied by Knoell. Some material was found to be effective against coli. The work was undertaken by a biologist, Strutz (Fräulein), and is completed. Fräulein Strutz expects to be given a new assignment.
3. A new member of the institute is Dr. Miepage. He is a veterinary doctor and, so far, without scientific experience. He wishes to work on leukosis-leukemia of cattle. This sickness is rather widespread among Mecklenburg cattle and is believed to show certain affinities to lymphogranuloma. Dr. Miepage believes that feeding and care of cattle have a bearing on the outbreak of the disease. He states that the blood of even the healthy animals in a herd attacked by the disease is affected. He has not yet ascertained whether or not this is a virus disease, but has referred to the fact that Boberstein in Berlin works on Gewebezuechtungen (tissue culture) and, he intends to put Fräulein Strutz on the same work at a later stage. He is now primarily interested in early diagnosis. He works on blood pictures supplied by samples of fresh marrow. Coloring is done according to Giemsa and lately buffer solutions are being used, which are produced by Professor Victor Schilling (pathology Rostock). Professor Poppe's assistant, the late Dr. Busch, examined serum and acetone extracts from organic material with Stufenphotometer (stage photometer) and interferometer. He recommended a check of the sera of healthy and diseased animals against a standard dry substance of organic material of healthy animals. Busch seems not to have excluded the possibility that this is a virus disease.

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4. Niepage is also reported to be interested in sterility. He believes that this is also a virus disease and has referred to large scale inoculations against sterility.
5. Professor Johannes Kathe, professor of hygiene, University of Rostock, who works closely with Poppe, works on an official assignment for research on "Leptospiren" and carries out BCG experiments. He is reported to check on Knoell's work and to help him in his research.

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